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Military Rail Traffic in the Stendal Area

17 May 1952

At 2040 hours a load of 45 trucks left Stendal for Berlin pulled by a locomotive stationed in Lichtenberg. The trucks had four-wheel drive,

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At 2050 hours a train passed through Stendal from Magdeburg on its way to Wittenberge, carrying 40 new 2-3 ton trucks of the same type.

28 May 1952

At 0135 hours a troop train of 40-45 cars was observed standing in Wolmirstedt. It was impossible to determine the number of troops or the vehicle numbers in the dark. The train left in the direction of Stendal.

6 June 1952

At 1245 hours a train carrying trucks and heavy anti-aircraft guns was observed in Behrend, between Osterbug and Seehausen. The train came from Magdeburg and continued in the direction of Wittenberge. Eight AA guns were counted, muzzle length ca. 4 meters.

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At 1620 a troop train numbering 50 cars was observed in Mahlwinkel. The troops were quartered in G-cars equipped with mattresses. No further details were obtained.

7 June 1952

At the Tangerhütte and Mahlwinkel station a unit of pioneer troops was loaded into 50 cars. The troops were equipped with trucks and pontoons.

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the train moved in the direction of Stendal.

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Another train, consisting of 45 cars, stopped
at Tangerhutte, time and details not mentioned.

At 1645 pioneer troops and pontoons were loaded
into a train at Denker between Stendal and
Magdeburg. [REDACTED]

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At 1700 hours still another train, carrying
6 medium AA guns with ca. 3 meter long barrels,
drove through Denker in the direction of Stendal.
The crews traveled in G-cars.

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Military Activities in Neubrandenburg and Neustrelitz

1. NEUBRANDENBURG

a. TROLLINGHAGEN Airfield

1. The field is occupied, but no planes were observed.
2. It is not possible to get near the field because of very heavy guarding. No air traffic has been seen for weeks.

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b. TVA (former torpedo experimentation station)

TVA is, as it always has been, heavily guarded. The double patrols are equipped with tommy guns and wear black/red shoulder loops.

c. "Unter den Eichen" Kaserne

The kaserne is fully occupied. The men wear black/red shoulder loops. South of the kaserne 60 men took part in maneuvers. They attacked wooden houses together with 5 tanks. The tanks had 6 track wheels; 1 tank had a 3 m high antenna.

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Ca. 20 men in working clothes were setting up wooden walls. Below the kaserne ca. 200 men were being trained in sport, drills and obstacle running. No traffic.

d. "Fünfeichen" Volkspolizei Quarters

It is not possible to get near the quarters. Ca. 500 m before the kaserne is a sign by the road, saying: "Volkspolizei Building - No Admittance." The quarters are apparently fully occupied. There is a steady stream of men coming and going. 4 new wooden barracks and 1 guard tower are being constructed. Shooting with machine guns and rifles was heard.

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f. The Quarters by the Castle

The quarters are apparently only occupied by a guard commando. From this patrols consisting of 1 officer and 3 men go out now and then. The men wear black/red shoulder loops and some have the tank emblem.

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